

2026 INDEPENDENT AUTHOR AWARDS  
WINNERS AND FINALISTS



Action/Adventure

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Seven*  
AUTHOR NAME: Igor Stefanovich  
PUBLISHER NAME: Igor Stefanovich

**FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Starling: A Science Fiction Adventure in the Classic Tradition*  
AUTHOR NAME: Neal Stevens  
PUBLISHER NAME: Neal Stevens

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Forward-Giving Up is Not an Option: Making My Way into My New World with Wheelchair and Hand Bike*  
AUTHOR NAME: Eugen Ehrenberg  
PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *To Kill a Public Crook*  
AUTHOR NAME: Steven Stewart  
PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Echoes – The Affinity Saga Book 2*  
AUTHOR NAME: Eddie Dee Williams  
PUBLISHER NAME: Rebirth Publishings LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Looked Down Upon: The Exiled Kin*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jordan Lopez  
PUBLISHER NAME: Jordan Lopez

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Hocking Hills Bigfoot*  
AUTHOR NAME: Andria Williams  
PUBLISHER NAME: AW Books LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Nearly Dead and The Newly Bred*

AUTHOR NAME: Ava A.

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Rebirth of the Knights Templar, from Jerusalem to America: One Family's History*

AUTHOR NAME: John a Nichols

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Sister Mary's Angels*

AUTHOR NAME: Randall Reynolds

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Opportunity*

AUTHOR NAME: William Tucker

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Goodfliers: Lords of the Emerald Coast*

AUTHOR NAME: John J Domina

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Guardian of Armageddon: Living with the Beast*

AUTHOR NAME: Donald L. Brake

PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Merging of the Realms, Book One: Tales from The Wandering Woods*

AUTHOR NAME: Richard Talley

PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press

### **Activity Books-Children**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Blue Bubble Gum*

AUTHOR NAME: Martha Goldner

PUBLISHER NAME: Xlibris US

### **African American Fiction**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Echoes – The Affinity Saga Book 2*

AUTHOR NAME: Eddie Dee Williams

PUBLISHER NAME: Rebirth Publishings LLC

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Silver Lake Birthright*

AUTHOR NAME: D.D. Franklin

PUBLISHER NAME: Self Published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Offerings Made By Fire*  
AUTHOR NAME: zO-AlonzO Gross  
PUBLISHER NAME: zO-AlonzO Gross

### **African American Non-Fiction**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Inside the Castle Walls, An American Journey Through Espionage, Counterterrorism and Government*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Erroll G. Southers  
PUBLISHER NAME: Gouché Publishing House

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *My Good Life*  
AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Gregory M. Lee  
PUBLISHER NAME: The Paperhouse

### **Animals-Pets**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Animal Conquest (General Jack and the Battle of the Five Kingdoms#8)*

AUTHOR NAME: David Bush  
PUBLISHER NAME: Self-Published

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Letters to my Dog*  
AUTHOR NAME: Scott Tomlinson  
PUBLISHER NAME: Xlibris AU

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Turtle's Treacherous Trip*  
AUTHOR NAME: Danny Barron  
PUBLISHER NAME: Westbow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *St John the Ambulance Cat: Based on a true story*  
AUTHOR NAME: Natasha Burrell  
PUBLISHER NAME: Xlibris NZ

### **Anthology**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Femme Led: Hard-Learned Lessons from Women in Leadership*  
AUTHOR NAME: (Anthology: Sierra Melcher et.al)  
PUBLISHER NAME: Red Thread Publishing

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Bad Americans: Part I*  
AUTHOR NAME: Tejas Desai  
PUBLISHER NAME: The New Wei LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Bad Americans: Part II*  
AUTHOR NAME: Tejas Desai  
PUBLISHER NAME: The New Wei LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Terr-or-Treats: Spooky Ghost Stories and Deliciously Haunted Adventures*  
AUTHOR NAME: The Super Spooky Naturals  
PUBLISHER NAME: Writigration L.L.C.

### **Asian American Non-Fiction**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *She Called Me Throwaway – a memoir*  
AUTHOR NAME: Shama Shams  
PUBLISHER NAME: Editor-911 Books

### **Autobiography**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Amor Fati: An Incredible True Story of Survival, Hope & Healing*  
AUTHOR NAME: Zoë Collins  
PUBLISHER NAME: The Crystal Cove

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *My Good Life*  
AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Gregory M. Lee  
PUBLISHER NAME: The Paperhouse

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The MissADVentures of a Hapless Entrepreneur – Timing is Everything*  
AUTHOR NAME: Peter J. Snow OAM  
PUBLISHER NAME: BeInspiredBooks.com

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Gone To the Dogs: Tales of a Dog Napper*  
AUTHOR NAME: Kate Moore  
PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

### **Biography-General**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *My Good Life*  
AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Gregory M. Lee  
PUBLISHER NAME: The Paperhouse

## **Biography-Historical**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Masters of the Ocean Sea: The Epic Saga of the Portuguese Explorers Who Redrew the Map of the World*

AUTHOR NAME: Andrei Romanov

PUBLISHER NAME: Sagres Heritage Press

## **Body/Mind/Spirit**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Offerings Made By Fire*

AUTHOR NAME: zO-AlonzO Gross

PUBLISHER NAME: zO-AlonzO Gross

## **Book Cover Design-Fiction**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Too Much the Lion: A Novel of the Battle of Franklin*

AUTHOR NAME: Preston Lewis

PUBLISHER NAME: Bariso Press

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Deadly Calm in Cedar Key*

AUTHOR NAME: Edward Braddy

PUBLISHER NAME: Edward Braddy

FULL BOOK TITLE: *ONE FOOL'S GOLD*

AUTHOR NAME: MARK HOWEN

PUBLISHER NAME: KDP

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Exits*

AUTHOR NAME: Stephen C. Pollock

PUBLISHER NAME: Windtree Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *ESCAPING SAILOR BYRD*

AUTHOR NAME: DOROTHY DEENE

PUBLISHER NAME: RUNAWAY JUNE BOOKS

## **Book Cover Design-Non-Fiction**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Chasing Legends: Motorcycle Stories from the Podcast Trail*

AUTHOR NAME: Aaron Pufal

PUBLISHER NAME: ADV Cannonball

**FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *In the Shadow of the Most High: Uncovering My Jewish Ancestors' Perilous Journey Through History*

AUTHOR NAME: Doug Einfeld

PUBLISHER NAME: Independently Published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *My Good Life*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Gregory M. Lee

PUBLISHER NAME: The Paperhouse

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Amor Fati: An Incredible True Story of Survival, Hope & Healing*

AUTHOR NAME: Zoë Collins

PUBLISHER NAME: The Crystal Cove

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Struggle Smarter Write More. A Guide From Procrastination to Creative Flow*

AUTHOR NAME: Constantin Weber

PUBLISHER NAME: Constantin Weber

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Pintsized Pioneers at Play: Homemade Frontier Fun and Danger*

AUTHOR NAME: Preston Lewis and Harriet Kocher Lewis

PUBLISHER NAME: Bariso Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *100 Objects from the Collections of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research*

AUTHOR NAME: Stefanie Halpern

PUBLISHER NAME: YIVO Institute for Jewish Research

**Book Interior Design-Fiction**

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Exits*

AUTHOR NAME: Stephen C. Pollock

PUBLISHER NAME: Windtree Press

**FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Brick in the Holy Door*

AUTHOR NAME: C.R. Owens

PUBLISHER NAME: C.R. Owens

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Seal of Fire*

AUTHOR NAME: C.R. Owens

PUBLISHER NAME: C.R. Owens

**Book Interior Design-Non-Fiction**

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *100 Objects from the Collections of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research*

AUTHOR NAME: Stefanie Halpern

PUBLISHER NAME: YIVO Institute for Jewish Research

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Amor Fati: An Incredible True Story of Survival, Hope & Healing*

AUTHOR NAME: Zoë Collins

PUBLISHER NAME: The Crystal Cove

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Baseball Cortex*

AUTHOR NAME: Craig Ohlau

PUBLISHER NAME: Craig Ohlau

### **Business-Entrepreneurship & Small Business**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Doubt Loop: Turning Founder Doubt into a Competitive Advantage*

AUTHOR NAME: Adam Crawshaw

PUBLISHER NAME: Moments of Impact

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Relentless Excellence: A Story of Family, Business Building and Value Driven Leadership*

AUTHOR NAME: Phillip Hogan, MSW, MPA

PUBLISHER NAME: Brightray

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The MissADVENTures of a Hapless Entrepreneur – Timing is Everything*

AUTHOR NAME: Peter J. Snow OAM

PUBLISHER NAME: BeInspiredBooks.com

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Coach To ALIGN: Building Empowered Teams Together*

AUTHOR NAME: Shaine Hobdy

PUBLISHER NAME: Self-Published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Unlikely to Unstoppable: Stories from Everyday Entrepreneurs*

AUTHOR NAME: Jennifer Collins and Elizabeth Clark

PUBLISHER NAME: Words in the Wings Press, Inc.

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Power of Woo: For Spiritual Entrepreneurs Ready to Trust Their Inner Knowing and Get Real Results*

AUTHOR NAME: Karen Leigh Gruber

PUBLISHER NAME: Silk Dragon Press

### **Business-General**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *L.E.A.D. OUT LOUD: Be Clear. Be Heard. Be Unstoppable*

AUTHOR NAME: Antawn Knight

PUBLISHER NAME: Knight Leadership Group

## **Business-Miscellaneous**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Transform Procurement: The Value of E-Auctions*

AUTHOR NAME: Janice Marquardt

PUBLISHER NAME: Red Thread Publishing

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Coach To ALIGN: Building Empowered Teams Together*

AUTHOR NAME: Shaine Hobdy

PUBLISHER NAME: Self-Published

## **Business-Motivational**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Femme Led: Hard-Learned Lessons from Women in Leadership*

AUTHOR NAME: (Anthology: Sierra Melcher et.al)

PUBLISHER NAME: Red Thread Publishing

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Scary Good: Discovering Life Beyond the Sunday Scaries*

AUTHOR NAME: Angie Callen

PUBLISHER NAME: The Modern Coach Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *When Money Hurts: The Hidden Crisis Undermining Mental Health, Retention, and Trust at Work*

AUTHOR NAME: Andrew Lendnal

PUBLISHER NAME: ebooIt.com

FULL BOOK TITLE: *L.E.A.D. OUT LOUD: Be Clear. Be Heard. Be Unstoppable*

AUTHOR NAME: Antawn Knight

PUBLISHER NAME: Knight Leadership Group

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Unlikely to Unstoppable: Stories from Everyday Entrepreneurs*

AUTHOR NAME: Jennifer Collins and Elizabeth Clark

PUBLISHER NAME: Words in the Wings Press, Inc.

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Power of Woo: For Spiritual Entrepreneurs Ready to Trust Their Inner Knowing and Get Real Results*

AUTHOR NAME: Karen Leigh Gruber

PUBLISHER NAME: Silk Dragon Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Unapologetic Wealth*

AUTHOR NAME: Marcia Dawood

PUBLISHER NAME: Marcia Dawood

## Cancer

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Wake-Up Calls: A Journey of Learning to Lead and Succeed in the Funeral and Death Care Profession*

AUTHOR NAME: Lisa Baue

PUBLISHER NAME: River Grove Books

## Career

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Scary Good: Discovering Life Beyond the Sunday Scaries*

AUTHOR NAME: Angie Callen

PUBLISHER NAME: The Modern Coach Press

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Coach To ALIGN: Building Empowered Teams Together*

AUTHOR NAME: Shaine

PUBLISHER NAME: Self-Published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Teaching What Every Employer Wants*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Ben Clinton

PUBLISHER NAME: Beacon Education Press

## Chapter Book

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Magic Campervan, Book 2, The Entelodont's Skull*

AUTHOR NAME: Lisa Selvidge

PUBLISHER NAME: Montanha Books

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Beneath the Blue*

AUTHOR NAME: Joan Enockson

PUBLISHER NAME: Tall Girl Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Pixie Dust and Other Dangerous Things*

AUTHOR NAME: Jessica Brenner

PUBLISHER NAME: Journey Institute Press (fall 2026)

## Chick-Lit

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Peg, Unbinged*

AUTHOR NAME: Teri M Brown

PUBLISHER NAME: Atmosphere Press

## **Children's-Fiction (Ages 3-8)**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Stargazer*  
AUTHOR NAME: Egor Klopenko  
PUBLISHER NAME: Amazon KDP

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Tricky Pickle Carrot Cake*  
AUTHOR NAME: Brytta H Fitzgibbons  
PUBLISHER NAME: Xlibris Us

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Ellie the Emu*  
AUTHOR NAME: Andria Williams  
PUBLISHER NAME: AW Books, LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *¿Me Dolerá el Corte de Pelo?*  
AUTHOR NAME: Martha Goldner  
PUBLISHER NAME: Xlibris Us

## **Children's-Non-Fiction (Ages 3-8)**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *My Character Check*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jean Smarto  
PUBLISHER NAME: My Character Check LLC

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Tiny Lund's Time of Triumph*  
AUTHOR NAME: A.J. Chilson  
PUBLISHER NAME: Amazon KDP

## **Children's-Early Readers**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Doña Basura Manda: en una Tierra Llena*  
AUTHOR NAME: Martha Goldner  
PUBLISHER NAME: Xlibris US

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Bobby Loves Baseball*  
AUTHOR NAME: Craig Ohlau  
PUBLISHER NAME: Craig Ohlau

## **Children's-Inspirational/Motivational**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Book of Kindness*

AUTHOR NAME: Egor Klopenko

PUBLISHER NAME: Amazon KDP

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Beneath the Blue*

AUTHOR NAME: Joan Enockson

PUBLISHER NAME: Tall Girl Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *My Character Check*

AUTHOR NAME: Jean Smarto

PUBLISHER NAME: My Character Check LLC

## **Children's-Non-Fiction (Ages 3-8)**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Going to Live with Auntie*

AUTHOR NAME: Andria Williams

PUBLISHER NAME: AW Books, LLC

## **Children's-Religion**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *1 2 3 Ding Ding Ding!*

AUTHOR NAME: Moises D. Rodriguez

PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

## **Comedy**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Peg, Unbinged*

AUTHOR NAME: Teri M Brown

PUBLISHER NAME: Atmosphere Press

## **Contemporary Novel**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Bad Americans: Part I*

AUTHOR NAME: Tejas Desai

PUBLISHER NAME: The New Wei LLC

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *In Jake's Shoes – A Father's Journey Through Loss and Redemption*

AUTHOR NAME: Andrew C. Phillips

PUBLISHER NAME: Black Rose Writing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Art of Belonging Nowhere*

AUTHOR NAME: Andrea Hellman

PUBLISHER NAME: Andrea Hellman

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Journey from Kamakura: REVISED EDITION*

AUTHOR NAME: Glen Allison

PUBLISHER NAME: Self-Published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Bad Americans: Part II*

AUTHOR NAME: Tejas Desai

PUBLISHER NAME: The New Wei LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *John B. Peoples*

AUTHOR NAME: Michael Cowan

PUBLISHER NAME: Koehler Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Her Blind Date Bodyguard*

AUTHOR NAME: Bella Rose

PUBLISHER NAME: Bella Rose Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *What the Mirrors Knew*

AUTHOR NAME: Linda Annas Ferguson

PUBLISHER NAME: Palmetto Publishes/ISBN under Next Edition Enterprises

### **Crime Fiction**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Tokyo Juku*

AUTHOR NAME: Michael Pronko

PUBLISHER NAME: Raked Gravel Press

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Five Roses for Walter*

AUTHOR NAME: LeeAnne James

PUBLISHER NAME: Black Rose Writing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Monuments Must Bleed*

AUTHOR NAME: Clifton Wilcox

PUBLISHER NAME: Booklocker

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Binding Coil: Book Two in the Helix Project*

AUTHOR NAME: J.L. Calder

PUBLISHER NAME: Dwyer Street Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Rock with Wings: Between 2 Fires*  
AUTHOR NAME: Raymond A. Edwards  
PUBLISHER NAME: Amazon KDP

FULL BOOK TITLE: *LIES TO FOREVER*  
AUTHOR NAME: Marlene M. Bell  
PUBLISHER NAME: Ewephoric

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Deadly Calm in Cedar Key*  
AUTHOR NAME: Edward Braddy  
PUBLISHER NAME: Edward Braddy

### **Cross Genre**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Bad Americans: Part I*  
AUTHOR NAME: Tejas Desai  
PUBLISHER NAME: The New Wei LLC

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Ancilla*  
AUTHOR NAME: Sera Maddox Drake  
PUBLISHER NAME: Self Published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Diary of a Difficult Woman (Subtitles: The Queen of Beaver Island: Book Three of the Watson Family of Beaver Island)*

AUTHOR NAME: Jim Freeman (J. Lee Freeman)  
PUBLISHER NAME: Self-Published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Signs of The Fall*  
AUTHOR NAME: Sean M. Price  
PUBLISHER NAME: Koehler Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Born of Dirt & Dust*  
AUTHOR NAME: Renee Coloman  
PUBLISHER NAME: self-published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Sage of the Mountains*  
AUTHOR NAME: Dr. George Cluen  
PUBLISHER NAME: Staten House

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Passion's Duty*  
AUTHOR NAME: Lizzie Jenks  
PUBLISHER NAME: Wheel Horse Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Echoes – The Affinity Saga Book 2*  
AUTHOR NAME: Eddie Dee Williams  
PUBLISHER NAME: Rebirth Publishings LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Born in the Aftermath*  
AUTHOR NAME: Ian Griffin  
PUBLISHER NAME: Ian Griffin

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Seven*  
AUTHOR NAME: Igor Stefanovich  
PUBLISHER NAME: Igor Stefanovich

FULL BOOK TITLE: *After The Lake*  
AUTHOR NAME: Mara Mansour  
PUBLISHER NAME: Mara Mansour

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Whispers of the Sower*  
AUTHOR NAME: Martin V. Parece II  
PUBLISHER NAME: Martin V. Parece II

### **Current Events**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Russia's Final Destination: Russia, Israel, and the End of Times*  
AUTHOR NAME: Abraham DeAlmeida PhD  
PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

### **Death and Dying**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Good Death: A Guide for Supporting Your Loved One through the End of Life*  
AUTHOR NAME: Suzanne B. O'Brien RN  
PUBLISHER NAME: Vermilion

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Because I Knew You: How some remarkable sick kids healed a doctor's soul*  
AUTHOR NAME: Robert Macauley  
PUBLISHER NAME: Chehalem Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Exits*  
AUTHOR NAME: Stephen C. Pollock  
PUBLISHER NAME: Windtree Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Yuniz in the Land of Yonder*  
AUTHOR NAME: zO-AlonzO Gross  
PUBLISHER NAME: zO-AlonzO Gross

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Wake-Up Calls: A Journey of Learning to Lead and Succeed in the Funeral and Death Care Profession*  
AUTHOR NAME: Lisa Baue  
PUBLISHER NAME: River Grove Books

## Debut-Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Art of Belonging Nowhere*

AUTHOR NAME: Andrea Hellman

PUBLISHER NAME: Andrea Hellman

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Deadly Calm in Cedar Key*

AUTHOR NAME: Edward Braddy

PUBLISHER NAME: Edward Braddy

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Sage of the Mountains*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. George Cluen

PUBLISHER NAME: Staten House

FULL BOOK TITLE: *What the Mirrors Knew*

AUTHOR NAME: Linda Annas Ferguson

PUBLISHER NAME: Palmetto Publishes/ISBN under Next Edition Enterprises

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Gangsters and Demons*

AUTHOR NAME: Rowan O'Neill

PUBLISHER NAME: Old World Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *In Jake's Shoes – A Father's Journey Through Loss and Redemption*

AUTHOR NAME: Andrew C. Phillips

PUBLISHER NAME: Black Rose Writing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *THE GRAVITY OF LIES*

AUTHOR NAME: DOROTHY DEENE

PUBLISHER NAME: RUNAWAY JUNE BOOKS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Lenswoman in Love: A Novel of the 1960s & 70s*

AUTHOR NAME: Kim Gottlieb-Walker

PUBLISHER NAME: The Conrad Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *John B. Peoples*

AUTHOR NAME: Michael Cowan

PUBLISHER NAME: Koehler Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Signs of The Fall*

AUTHOR NAME: Sean M. Price

PUBLISHER NAME: Koehler Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Day Satoshi Returned*

AUTHOR NAME: Taimour Al Neimat

PUBLISHER NAME: Independent

## **Debut-Non-Fiction**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Struggle Smarter Write More. A Guide From Procrastination to Creative Flow*

AUTHOR NAME: Constantin Weber

PUBLISHER NAME: Constantin Weber

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *100's of Tips, Tricks & Loopholes The Ultimate Guide for Authors & Writers!*

AUTHOR NAME: Chantay Bridges

PUBLISHER NAME: BPH-Bridges Publishing House

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Teaching What Every Employer Wants*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Ben Clinton

PUBLISHER NAME: Beacon Education Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Life and How to Live it: Begin the Begin*

AUTHOR NAME: Chaz Holesworth

PUBLISHER NAME: Chaz Holesworth

## **Educational**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Teaching What Every Employer Wants*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Ben Clinton

PUBLISHER NAME: Beacon Education Press

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *I Only Eat Pizza*

AUTHOR NAME: Benita L. Gibson

PUBLISHER NAME: Tattoon Kids

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Blue Bubble Gum*

AUTHOR NAME: Martha Goldner

PUBLISHER NAME: Xlibris US

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Prescott Girls – A Letter From Philadelphia*

AUTHOR NAME: Aric Wilmunder

PUBLISHER NAME: A Well-Regulated Press

## **Environment**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Litter Lady Leads*

AUTHOR NAME: Martha Goldner

PUBLISHER NAME: Xlibris US

**FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Air, Earth, Fire, and Water: A Glimpse of the Created Earth*

AUTHOR NAME: David Elliott

PUBLISHER NAME: iUniverse

**Faction (fiction based on fact)**

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Last Stand at Buffington Island*

AUTHOR NAME: Jim Freeman (writing as J. Lee Freeman)

PUBLISHER NAME: Grapevine Ridge Press

**FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Final Shelter*

AUTHOR NAME: Rob Ramos

PUBLISHER NAME: Rob Ramos

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Fever Season*

AUTHOR NAME: Sally Rutledge Moore

PUBLISHER NAME: J & J Ranch Productions

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Animal Revolution (General Jack and the Battle of the Five Kingdoms#5)*

AUTHOR NAME: David Bush

PUBLISHER NAME: Self-Published

**Fantasy**

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Soul Incarnate*

AUTHOR NAME: Chris Andrews

PUBLISHER NAME: Chris Andrews

**FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Echoes – The Affinity Saga Book 2*

AUTHOR NAME: Eddie Dee Williams

PUBLISHER NAME: Rebirth Publishings LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Oasis Stone*

AUTHOR NAME: Jack Davidson

PUBLISHER NAME: Teirmond Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Dead and Buried; The Last Kitsune Book 2*

AUTHOR NAME: JS Scheffel

PUBLISHER NAME: JS Scheffel

FULL BOOK TITLE: *20/40: 12 Short Stories Foretelling Life in the Year 2040*

AUTHOR NAME: Steven Sarshik

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Yuniṣ in the Land of Yonder*  
AUTHOR NAME: zO-AlonzO Gross  
PUBLISHER NAME: zO-AlonzO Gross

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Escala's Wish (Tales of Valla Book 1)*  
AUTHOR NAME: David James  
PUBLISHER NAME: Trash Panda Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Council Ford Insurrection: The Second Amendment 2043-2063*  
AUTHOR NAME: J.Thomas Bowne JD  
PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Guardians of the Cosmic Clocks: Wings of the Gods*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jabril Yousef Faraj  
PUBLISHER NAME: DANK ONION

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Pixie Dust and Other Dangerous Things*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jessica Brenner  
PUBLISHER NAME: Journey Institute Press (fall 2026)

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Silver Lake Birthright*  
AUTHOR NAME: D.D. Franklin  
PUBLISHER NAME: Self Published

### **Fiction (General)**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Bad Americans: Part I*  
AUTHOR NAME: Tejas Desai  
PUBLISHER NAME: The New Wei LLC

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Passion's Duty*  
AUTHOR NAME: Lizzie Jenks  
PUBLISHER NAME: Wheel Horse Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Said in Secret*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jerry W Martin  
PUBLISHER NAME: Jerry W Martin

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Journey from Kamakura: REVISED EDITION*  
AUTHOR NAME: Glen Allison  
PUBLISHER NAME: Self-Published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Bad Americans: Part II*  
AUTHOR NAME: Tejas Desai  
PUBLISHER NAME: The New Wei LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *John B. Peoples*  
AUTHOR NAME: Michael Cowan  
PUBLISHER NAME: Koehler Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Guardians of the Cosmic Clocks: Wings of the Gods*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jabril Yousef Faraj  
PUBLISHER NAME: DANK ONION

### **Friendship**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Starling: A Science Fiction Adventure in the Classic Tradition*  
AUTHOR NAME: Neal Stevens  
PUBLISHER NAME: Neal Stevens

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Aspen- BOOK 3- THE BAD ASS BIKER BITCHES SERIES*  
AUTHOR NAME: Darlene Mellors  
PUBLISHER NAME: Darlene Mellors

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Beneath the Blue*  
AUTHOR NAME: Joan Enockson  
PUBLISHER NAME: Tall Girl Publishing

### **Grief**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *ESCAPING SAILOR BYRD*  
AUTHOR NAME: DOROTHY DEENE  
PUBLISHER NAME: RUNAWAY JUNE BOOKS

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Eternal Spring*  
AUTHOR NAME: Cheryll Collins  
PUBLISHER NAME: LifeRich Publishing

### **Health-General**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Rise and Fall of the Human Mind*  
AUTHOR NAME: Martin Jan Stránský, M.D.  
PUBLISHER NAME: Independently published

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Amor Fati: An Incredible True Story of Survival, Hope & Healing*  
AUTHOR NAME: Zoë Collins  
PUBLISHER NAME: The Crystal Cove

## Historical-Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Diomedes in Kyprios*  
AUTHOR NAME: Gregory Michael Nixon  
PUBLISHER NAME: Historium Press

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *ONE FOOL'S GOLD*  
AUTHOR NAME: MARK HOWEN  
PUBLISHER NAME: KDP

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Too Much the Lion: A Novel of the Battle of Franklin*  
AUTHOR NAME: Preston Lewis  
PUBLISHER NAME: Bariso Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Fever Season*  
AUTHOR NAME: Sally Rutledge Moore  
PUBLISHER NAME: J & J Ranch Productions

FULL BOOK TITLE: *THE WAGES OF FREEDOM*  
AUTHOR NAME: RE'GENA BELL-ROBERTS  
PUBLISHER NAME: RE'GENA BELL-ROBERTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Born in the Aftermath*  
AUTHOR NAME: Ian Griffin  
PUBLISHER NAME: Ian Griffin

FULL BOOK TITLE: *God's Gracious Killer: God's Conquering of a Dark Heart*  
AUTHOR NAME: Dwight David Croy  
PUBLISHER NAME: Resource Publications

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Diary of a Difficult Woman (Subtitles: The Queen of Beaver Island: Book Three of the Watson Family of Beaver Island)*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jim Freeman (J. Lee Freeman)  
PUBLISHER NAME: Self-Published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Prescott Girls – A Letter From Philadelphia*  
AUTHOR NAME: Aric Wilmunder  
PUBLISHER NAME: A Well-Regulated Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Goodbye Demons*  
AUTHOR NAME: JJ Harrigan  
PUBLISHER NAME: Salty Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Unbroken Hope*  
AUTHOR NAME: Michael Wells  
PUBLISHER NAME: Michael Wells

## **History-General**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *100 Objects from the Collections of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research*

AUTHOR NAME: Stefanie Halpern

PUBLISHER NAME: YIVO Institute for Jewish Research

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *In the Shadow of the Most High: Uncovering My Jewish Ancestors' Perilous Journey Through History*

AUTHOR NAME: Doug Einfeld

PUBLISHER NAME: Independently Published

## **History-United States**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Fever Season*

AUTHOR NAME: Sally Rutledge Moore

PUBLISHER NAME: J & J Ranch Productions

## **Horror**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Gangsters and Demons*

AUTHOR NAME: Rowan O'Neill

PUBLISHER NAME: Old World Publishing

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *I, Monster*

AUTHOR NAME: Clifton Wilcox

PUBLISHER NAME: Booklocker, Inc.

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Harvest of Eyes*

AUTHOR NAME: Clifton Wilcox

PUBLISHER NAME: Windward Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Terr-or-Treats: Spooky Ghost Stories and Deliciously Haunted Adventures*

AUTHOR NAME: The Super Spooky Naturals

PUBLISHER NAME: Writigration L.L.C.

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Pact of Shadows: The Black Orchard*

AUTHOR NAME: Clifton Wilcox

PUBLISHER NAME: Windward Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Whispers of the Sower*

AUTHOR NAME: Martin V. Parece II

PUBLISHER NAME: Martin V. Parece II

## How-To

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *True Crime and Consequences | Does the True Crime Community Help with Murder Investigations or Hurt Them?*

AUTHOR NAME: David Lyons

PUBLISHER NAME: Empowered Press

## Inspirational

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Sage of the Mountains*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. George Cluen

PUBLISHER NAME: Staten House

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Amor Fati: An Incredible True Story of Survival, Hope & Healing*

AUTHOR NAME: Zoë Collins

PUBLISHER NAME: The Crystal Cove

FULL BOOK TITLE: *My Good Life*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Gregory M. Lee

PUBLISHER NAME: The Paperhouse

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Journey from Kamakura: REVISED EDITION*

AUTHOR NAME: Glen Allison

PUBLISHER NAME: Self-Published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Through the Lens of An Ancient Yisra'elite Bible Study*

AUTHOR NAME: Benjamin Nieves Carrasquillo Jr.

PUBLISHER NAME: Westbow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Burn*

AUTHOR NAME: Tom Sabino

PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Leo & Lou: When We Grow Up*

AUTHOR NAME: S T Kimbrough Jr. and Mark S. Kimbrough

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Birth of the Messiah: A December Devotional*

AUTHOR NAME: Steve Laureanti

PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Inside the Castle Walls, An American Journey Through Espionage, Counterterrorism and Government*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Erroll G. Southers

PUBLISHER NAME: Gouché Publishing House

## **Juvenile Fiction (Ages 7-14)**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *August Rain*  
AUTHOR NAME: Marlo Holly  
PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Adventures of Bailey & Bernard: Bailey's Lost Ball*  
AUTHOR NAME: Stacey A. Raymond  
PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Over the Wall*  
AUTHOR NAME: Catherine Kramer  
PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

## **Latinx-Fiction**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Lupe & Selina Play Through the Storm*  
AUTHOR NAME: Anita Perez Ferguson  
PUBLISHER NAME: Anita Perez Ferguson

## **Leadership**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Relentless Excellence: A Story of Family, Business Building and Value Driven Leadership*  
AUTHOR NAME: Phillip Hogan, MSW, MPA  
PUBLISHER NAME: Brightray

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Coach To ALIGN: Building Empowered Teams Together*  
AUTHOR NAME: Shaine Hobdy  
PUBLISHER NAME: Self-Published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *L.E.A.D. OUT LOUD: Be Clear. Be Heard. Be Unstoppable*  
AUTHOR NAME: Antawn Knight  
PUBLISHER NAME: Knight Leadership Group

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Between Flights: Reflections on the Unspoken Truths of Leadership and Life*  
AUTHOR NAME: Wendy Walker  
PUBLISHER NAME: Grammar Factory Publishing

## Legacy-Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Tattler Tales: Vonnie and Fussy, Girl Reporters*

AUTHOR NAME: J. Lee Fleming

PUBLISHER NAME: Westbow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Last Dance over the Berlin Wall*

AUTHOR NAME: Lisa Selvidge

PUBLISHER NAME: Montanha Books

## Legacy Non-Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Sons of Chester: A Tale of Small Town Boys, Baseball, and Very Big Dreams*

AUTHOR NAME: Craig Ohlau

PUBLISHER NAME: Black Rose Writing

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *JAD: A POEM*

AUTHOR NAME: James Richard Hansen

PUBLISHER NAME: Authorhouse

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Within and Without: Poems*

AUTHOR NAME: James Richard Hansen

PUBLISHER NAME: Authorhouse

FULL BOOK TITLE: *GPS for the Soul: Wisdom of the Master*

AUTHOR NAME: Dana Hayne

PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Words To Breathe By*

AUTHOR NAME: James Richard Hansen

PUBLISHER NAME: AuthorHouse

## Legal Thriller

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Hazy Shade*

AUTHOR NAME: Jim Lively

PUBLISHER NAME: Treaty Oak Publishers

## LBGTQIA Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Ancilla*  
AUTHOR NAME: Sera Maddox Drake  
PUBLISHER NAME: Self Published

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Third Act*  
AUTHOR NAME: Kathleen Brehony  
PUBLISHER NAME: Self-Published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Paper Cuts*  
AUTHOR NAME: Cameron R. Higgason  
PUBLISHER NAME: Cameron R. Higgason

## Literary Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *In Jake's Shoes – A Father's Journey Through Loss and Redemption*  
AUTHOR NAME: Andrew C. Phillips  
PUBLISHER NAME: Black Rose Writing

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *ONE FOOL'S GOLD*  
AUTHOR NAME: MARK HOWEN  
PUBLISHER NAME: KDP

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Daughter Bond*  
AUTHOR NAME: C. P. Florez  
PUBLISHER NAME: C.P. Florez

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Ancilla*  
AUTHOR NAME: Sera Maddox Drake  
PUBLISHER NAME: Self Published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Signs of The Fall*  
AUTHOR NAME: Sean M. Price  
PUBLISHER NAME: Koehler Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Two Euro Candles: A Memoir of Faith, Trauma and Quiet Miracles*  
AUTHOR NAME: Maxsense Maximus  
PUBLISHER NAME: Euraus Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Connption Creek*  
AUTHOR NAME: Earl L Carlson  
PUBLISHER NAME: Ragged Edge Publications LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Final Shelter*  
AUTHOR NAME: Rob Ramos  
PUBLISHER NAME: Rob Ramos

FULL BOOK TITLE: *THE LANDLADY OF MAPLE AVENUE*

AUTHOR NAME: Suzanne Elizabeth Gillis

PUBLISHER NAME: Bookbaby

FULL BOOK TITLE: *What the Mirrors Knew*

AUTHOR NAME: Linda Annas Ferguson

PUBLISHER NAME: Palmetto Publishes/ISBN under Next Edition Enterprises

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Hunter's Reflection: A Journey of the Soul*

AUTHOR NAME: Bálint Makai

PUBLISHER NAME: Bálint Makai

### **Memoir**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Because I Knew You: How Some Remarkable Sick Kids Healed a Doctor's Soul*

AUTHOR NAME: Robert Macauley

PUBLISHER NAME: Chehalem Press

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Wake-Up Calls: A Journey of Learning to Lead and Succeed in the Funeral and Death Care Profession*

AUTHOR NAME: Lisa Baue

PUBLISHER NAME: River Grove Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *She Called Me Throwaway – a memoir*

AUTHOR NAME: Shama Shams

PUBLISHER NAME: Editor-911 Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Inside the Castle Walls, An American Journey Through Espionage, Counterterrorism and Government*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Erroll G. Southers

PUBLISHER NAME: Gouché Publishing House

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Bring One Home: A Memoir of Boyhood, Basketball, and Hometown Spirit*

AUTHOR NAME: Thomas L. Pelissero

PUBLISHER NAME: Sellar Street Boys Publishing, LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Nether Land*

AUTHOR NAME: Kem Hinton

PUBLISHER NAME: Tenebo Publishing Company

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Miss.ADVentures of a Hapless Entrepreneur – Timing is Everything*

AUTHOR NAME: Peter J. Snow OAM

PUBLISHER NAME: BeInspiredBooks.com

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Impact and The Rise*

AUTHOR NAME: Gabrielle T. Booker

PUBLISHER NAME: Gabrielle T. Booker

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Life and How to Live it: Begin the Begin*

AUTHOR NAME: Chaz Holesworth

PUBLISHER NAME: Chaz Holesworth

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Falling from Disgrace*

AUTHOR NAME: Tammy S Dietz

PUBLISHER NAME: Cynren Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Moor to Sea: A Journey Along the Cleveland Way*

AUTHOR NAME: Vicki Foote

PUBLISHER NAME: Foote Notes

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Closest Thing to Magic*

AUTHOR NAME: Andrea Hogan

PUBLISHER NAME: Spines

### **Military Fiction**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *I, Monster*

AUTHOR NAME: Clifton Wilcox

PUBLISHER NAME: Booklocker, Inc.

### **Military Non-Fiction**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *How Many Threes Are in Your Life? A Case for Miracles*

AUTHOR NAME: E. Spirit Greenwood III

PUBLISHER NAME: LifeRich Publishing

### **Miscellaneous**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *366 Days of One-Hit Wonders*

AUTHOR NAME: Matt Whitaker

PUBLISHER NAME: Olympia Publishers

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Bad Americans: Part II*

AUTHOR NAME: Tejas Desai

PUBLISHER NAME: The New Wei LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Bad Americans: Part I*

AUTHOR NAME: Tejas Desai

PUBLISHER NAME: The New Wei LLC

## **Motivational**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Finding Our Voice: A Story of Leadership in Crisis and the American Spirit Abroad*

AUTHOR NAME: Adam Castillo

PUBLISHER NAME: Lioncrest Publishing

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Relentless Excellence: A Story of Family, Business Building and Value Driven Leadership*

AUTHOR NAME: Phillip Hogan, MSW, MPA

PUBLISHER NAME: Brightray

FULL BOOK TITLE: *My Good Life*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Gregory M. Lee

PUBLISHER NAME: The Paperhouse

## **Multicultural-Fiction**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Art of Belonging Nowhere*

AUTHOR NAME: Andrea Hellman

PUBLISHER NAME: Andrea Hellman

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Bad Americans: Part I*

AUTHOR NAME: Tejas Desai

PUBLISHER NAME: The New Wei LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Bad Americans: Part II*

AUTHOR NAME: Tejas Desai

PUBLISHER NAME: The New Wei LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Legend of the Black Swan*

AUTHOR NAME: Tory Gates

PUBLISHER NAME: Sunbury Press Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Daughter Bond*

AUTHOR NAME: C. P. Florez

PUBLISHER NAME: C.P. Florez

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Silver Lake Birthright*

AUTHOR NAME: D.D. Franklin

PUBLISHER NAME: Self Published

## **Multicultural Non-Fiction**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *She Called Me Throwaway – a memoir*

AUTHOR NAME: Shama Shams

PUBLISHER NAME: Editor-911 Books

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *In the Shadow of the Most High: Uncovering My Jewish Ancestors' Perilous Journey Through History*

AUTHOR NAME: Doug Einfeld

PUBLISHER NAME: Amazon KDP

## **Music**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *366 Days of One-Hit Wonders*

AUTHOR NAME: Matt Whitaker

PUBLISHER NAME: Olympia Publishers

## **Mystery**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Tokyo Juku*

AUTHOR NAME: Michael Pronko

PUBLISHER NAME: Raked Gravel Press

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Hazy Shade*

AUTHOR NAME: Jim Lively

PUBLISHER NAME: Treaty Oak Publishers

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Murder on Knollwood*

AUTHOR NAME: Marshall Prescott

PUBLISHER NAME: LifeRich Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Red In The Wrong Profession*

AUTHOR NAME: Carolyn Summer Quinn

PUBLISHER NAME: Blue Topaz Ocean Enterprises

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Malaria*

AUTHOR NAME: Suede D. Goldmann

PUBLISHER NAME: Independently Published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Lore Hunter: Brown Mountain*

AUTHOR NAME: Clifton Wilcox

PUBLISHER NAME: Windward Publishing

## Nature

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Hunter's Reflection: A Journey of the Soul*

AUTHOR NAME: Bálint Makai

PUBLISHER NAME: Bálint Makai

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Exits*

AUTHOR NAME: Stephen C. Pollock

PUBLISHER NAME: Windtree Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Junior Outdoorsman*

AUTHOR NAME: Craig Ohlau

PUBLISHER NAME: Craig Ohlau

## New Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Brick in the Holy Door*

AUTHOR NAME: C.R. Owens

PUBLISHER NAME: C.R. Owens

## New Non-Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Chasing Legends: Motorcycle Stories from the Podcast Trail*

AUTHOR NAME: Aaron Pufal

PUBLISHER NAME: ADV Cannonball

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *366 Days of One-Hit Wonders*

AUTHOR NAME: Matt Whitaker

PUBLISHER NAME: Olympia Publishers

FULL BOOK TITLE: *True Crime and Consequences | Does the True Crime Community Help with Murder Investigations or Hurt Them?*

AUTHOR NAME: David Lyons

PUBLISHER NAME: Empowered Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Wait, Where Am I in This?*

AUTHOR NAME: Lee Long, EdD, LPC-S

PUBLISHER NAME: Trewe Talu House of Novus Press Works

## Nineteenth Century Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Fever Season*  
AUTHOR NAME: Sally Rutledge Moore  
PUBLISHER NAME: J & J Ranch Productions

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Standing at the Edge of Ordinary*  
AUTHOR NAME: Lisa-Marie Ainley  
PUBLISHER NAME: Lisa-Marie Ainley

## Nineteenth Century Non-Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Betting on Horses: Racing as an Economic Development Tool in Frontier West Texas, 1886-1896*  
AUTHOR NAME: Preston Lewis  
PUBLISHER NAME: Bariso Press

## Non-Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Bring One Home: A Memoir of Boyhood, Basketball, and Hometown Spirit*  
AUTHOR NAME: Thomas L. Pelissero  
PUBLISHER NAME: Sellar Street Boys Publishing, LLC

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Why Rampage Killers Emerge: Conditions and Characteristics*  
AUTHOR NAME: S. Lee Funk, Ed.D.  
PUBLISHER NAME: Academica Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *True Crime and Consequences | Does the True Crime Community Help with Murder Investigations or Hurt Them?*  
AUTHOR NAME: David Lyons  
PUBLISHER NAME: Empowered Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *100 Objects from the Collections of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research*  
AUTHOR NAME: Stefanie Halpern  
PUBLISHER NAME: YIVO Institute for Jewish Research

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Wake-Up Calls: A Journey of Learning to Lead and Succeed in the Funeral and Death Care Profession*  
AUTHOR NAME: Lisa Baue  
PUBLISHER NAME: River Grove Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Between Flights: Reflections on the Unspoken Truths of Leadership and Life*  
AUTHOR NAME: Wendy Walker  
PUBLISHER NAME: Grammar Factory Publishing

### **Parenting and Family**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Unspoken Signals: Essential Parenting Skills to Raise Emotionally Secure Children*  
AUTHOR NAME: Yaron Boster  
PUBLISHER NAME: Amazon KDP

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Two Euro Candles: A Memoir of Faith, Trauma and Quiet Miracles*  
AUTHOR NAME: Maxsense Maximus  
PUBLISHER NAME: Euraus Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Through the Lens of An Ancient Yisra'elite Bible Study*  
AUTHOR NAME: Benjamin Nieves Carrasquillo Jr.  
PUBLISHER NAME: Westbow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Autism Renaissance: A Journey with thousands of Autistic Souls*  
AUTHOR NAME: Dr. Alptekin Aydin  
PUBLISHER NAME: AuthorHouse UK

FULL BOOK TITLE: *My Character Check*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jean Smarto  
PUBLISHER NAME: My Character Check LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *I Only Eat Pizza*  
AUTHOR NAME: Benita L. Gibson  
PUBLISHER NAME: Tattoon Kids

### **Performing Arts-Film, Theater, Dance & Music**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *What The Hell With The Hat?: My Playwriting Diary 1970-2024*  
AUTHOR NAME: Ed Ballou  
PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

### **Personal Growth**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Scary Good: Discovering Life Beyond the Sunday Scaries*  
AUTHOR NAME: Angie Callen  
PUBLISHER NAME: The Modern Coach Press

## FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A PLACE OF PROMISE*  
AUTHOR NAME: Marcie Shrewsbury Lopez  
PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Climb Greater Heights: How to Accelerate Your Business Growth, Amplify Your Success, and Build a Legacy of Significance*  
AUTHOR NAME: Tony Jeton Selimi  
PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Way of New Beginning: Discovering a New Spiritual Path on the Camino de Santiago*  
AUTHOR NAME: Mark LaRocca-Pitts  
PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *HEALING THE HIDDEN WOUNDS OF WOMEN AND MOTHERS: TRANSFORMATIVE TOOLS FOR HOLISTIC HEALING AND MENTAL WELL-BEING*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jummy Kirby M a Lpc Pmh-C Cmip  
PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Walk Thru The Mind: If you understand the rules, you can play the game of life better*  
AUTHOR NAME: Sneha Bandaru  
PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Cultivate Creativity: In the Garden of Enlightenment*  
AUTHOR NAME: Linda Richichi  
PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *L.E.A.D. OUT LOUD: Be Clear. Be Heard. Be Unstoppable*  
AUTHOR NAME: Antawn Knight  
PUBLISHER NAME: Knight Leadership Group

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Answering the Hard Questions: Let It Be the End of a Chapter, Not the End of the Book*  
AUTHOR NAME: Devin Fish  
PUBLISHER NAME: Houndstooth Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Turning Skills into Dumb Luck: Skills and Mindset for the Times of the Fourth Industrial Revolution*  
AUTHOR NAME: Simon Vine  
PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Wonders of the Soul*  
AUTHOR NAME: Helen P. Slater  
PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press UK

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Ultimate Question: To Hasten or Delay Death*  
AUTHOR NAME: Peter Swanson PhD  
PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

## **Philosophy**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *False Idols: How Diversion is Destroying Democracy*

AUTHOR NAME: Kurt Warner

PUBLISHER NAME: Vernon Press

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Sage of the Mountains*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. George Cluen

PUBLISHER NAME: Staten House

## **Picture Books-All Ages**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Adventures of Birdfrog: A Beautifully illustrated book of the in-between world of Birdfrog*

AUTHOR NAME: Robert Lodolce

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

## **Picture Books-Children**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *I Only Eat Pizza*

AUTHOR NAME: Benita L. Gibson

PUBLISHER NAME: Tattoon Kids

## **Picture Books-Preschool**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Will My Haircut Hurt?*

AUTHOR NAME: Martha Goldner

PUBLISHER NAME: Xlibris US

## **Poetry**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Exits*

AUTHOR NAME: Stephen C. Pollock

PUBLISHER NAME: Windtree Press

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Skies and Chasms: Poems*

AUTHOR NAME: James Richard Hansen

PUBLISHER NAME: AuthorHouse

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Second Thoughts: Poem and Passages*  
AUTHOR NAME: John Yurechko  
PUBLISHER NAME: iUniverse

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Lightning in a Bottle*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jina Dcruz  
PUBLISHER NAME: Partridge India

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Under the Pink Moon*  
AUTHOR NAME: Mark Rose  
PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Offerings Made By Fire*  
AUTHOR NAME: zO-AlonzO Gross  
PUBLISHER NAME: zO-AlonzO Gross

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Dreams Factory*  
AUTHOR NAME: Bashir Bashir  
PUBLISHER NAME: Independently Published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Killer Is Me: A Poetic Diary*  
AUTHOR NAME: Mickey Helms  
PUBLISHER NAME: self-published

### **Political Fiction**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Born in the Aftermath*  
AUTHOR NAME: Ian Griffin  
PUBLISHER NAME: Ian Griffin

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Brick in the Holy Door*  
AUTHOR NAME: C.R. Owens  
PUBLISHER NAME: C.R. Owens

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Seal of /fire*  
AUTHOR NAME: C.R. Owens  
PUBLISHER NAME: C.R. Owens

### **Political Thriller**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Seal of Fire*  
AUTHOR NAME: C.R. Owens  
PUBLISHER NAME: C.R. Owens

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Binding Coil: Book Two in the Helix Project*

AUTHOR NAME: J.L. Calder

PUBLISHER NAME: Dwyer Street Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Brick in the Holy Door*

AUTHOR NAME: C.R. Owens

PUBLISHER NAME: C.R. Owens

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Day Satoshi Returned*

AUTHOR NAME: Taimour Al Neimat

PUBLISHER NAME: Independent

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Four That Bind*

AUTHOR NAME: Clifton Wilcox

PUBLISHER NAME: Windward Publishing

### **Psychiatry/Psychology**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Why Rampage Killers Emerge: Conditions and Characteristics*

AUTHOR NAME: S. Lee Funk, Ed.D.

PUBLISHER NAME: Academica Press

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Wait, Where Am I in This?*

AUTHOR NAME: Lee Long, EdD, LPC-S

PUBLISHER NAME: Trewe Talu House of Novus Press Works

### **Publishing**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *100's of Tips, Tricks & Loopholes The Ultimate Guide for Authors & Writers!*

AUTHOR NAME: Chantay Bridges

PUBLISHER NAME: BPH-Bridges Publishing House

### **Fiction-Midwest**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Diary of a Difficult Woman (Subtitles: The Queen of Beaver Island: Book Three of the Watson Family of Beaver Island)*

AUTHOR NAME: Jim Freeman (J. Lee Freeman)

PUBLISHER NAME: Self-Published

**FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Silver Lake Birthright*

AUTHOR NAME: D.D. Franklin

PUBLISHER NAME: Self Published

**Fiction-Northeast**

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Prescott Girls – A Letter From Philadelphia*

AUTHOR NAME: Aric Wilmunder

PUBLISHER NAME: A Well-Regulated Press

**FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Passion's Duty*

AUTHOR NAME: Lizzie Jenks

PUBLISHER NAME: Wheel Horse Press

**Fiction – Southeast**

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Signs of The Fall*

AUTHOR NAME: Sean M. Price

PUBLISHER NAME: Koehler Books

**FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Detective Lucian - Haven Island PD: Protecting Paradise*

AUTHOR NAME: Neri Lopez

PUBLISHER NAME: Siren Book & Craft LLC

**Movies and Television**

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Aspen- BOOK 3- THE BAD ASS BIKER BITCHES SERIES*

AUTHOR NAME: Darlene Mellors

PUBLISHER NAME Darlene Mellors

**Non-Fiction – Southeast**

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *True Crime and Consequences | Does the True Crime Community Help with Murder Investigations or Hurt Them?*

AUTHOR NAME: David Lyons

PUBLISHER NAME: Empowered Press

## **Non-Fiction – Southwest**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Best of the Dao of Doug: A Public Transit Guide*  
AUTHOR NAME: Douglas Meriwether Griggs III, aka. Driver Doug  
PUBLISHER NAME: Balboa Press

## **Non-Fiction Northeast**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Life and How to Live it: Begin the Begin*  
AUTHOR NAME: Chaz Holesworth  
PUBLISHER NAME: Chaz Holesworth

## **Reference**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Amen, Amen: Sixty Truths Jesus Emphasized*  
AUTHOR NAME: Lee Canning  
PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

## **Religious-Fiction**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Fever Season*  
AUTHOR NAME: Sally Rutledge Moore  
PUBLISHER NAME: J & J Ranch Productions

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Two Euro Candles: A Memoir of Faith, Trauma and Quiet Miracles*  
AUTHOR NAME: Maxsense Maximus  
PUBLISHER NAME: Euraus Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Hijacker Strikes Back*  
AUTHOR NAME: Caroline Omoifo Ilogienboh  
PUBLISHER NAME: AuthorHouse

## Religion-Non-Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *100 Objects from the Collections of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research*

AUTHOR NAME: Stefanie Halpern

PUBLISHER NAME: YIVO Institute for Jewish Research

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Through the Lens of An Ancient Yisra'elite Bible Study*

AUTHOR NAME: Benjamin Nieves Carrasquillo Jr.

PUBLISHER NAME: Westbow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Introduction to Chrisitan Theology: Exploring God's Truths in Creation, Salvation, and Eternal Life*

AUTHOR NAME: Maria Pinto

PUBLISHER NAME: ACCEL Educational

FULL BOOK TITLE: *He Has Made Me Glad: How God selects and beautifies His bride, the church, and her response to His great love*

AUTHOR NAME: Vicki Lyle Potter

PUBLISHER NAME: Westbow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Greatest Love: God's Revelation to John for the World*

AUTHOR NAME: Marilyn O. Flower

PUBLISHER NAME: Westbow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *In the Shadow of the Most High: Uncovering My Jewish Ancestors' Perilous Journey Through History*

AUTHOR NAME: Doug Einfeld

PUBLISHER NAME: Independently Published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Which god is God? - A Lawyer's Look at God and Religion*

AUTHOR NAME: Adrian J. Adams Esq

PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

## Romance

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Ancilla*

AUTHOR NAME: Sera Maddox Drake

PUBLISHER NAME: Self Published

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Silver Lake Birthright*

AUTHOR NAME: D.D. Franklin

PUBLISHER NAME: Self Published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Between the Lines*

AUTHOR NAME: Tracy Magruder

PUBLISHER NAME: Tracy Magruder

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Lenswoman in Love: A Novel of the 1960s & 70s*

AUTHOR NAME: Kim Gottlieb-Walker

PUBLISHER NAME: The Conrad Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Standing at the Edge of Ordinary*

AUTHOR NAME: Lisa-Marie Ainley

PUBLISHER NAME: Lisa-Marie Ainley

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Third Act*

AUTHOR NAME: Kathleen Brehony

PUBLISHER NAME: Self-Published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Born in the Aftermath*

AUTHOR NAME: Ian Griffin

PUBLISHER NAME: Ian Griffin

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Passion's Duty*

AUTHOR NAME: Lizzie Jenks

PUBLISHER NAME: Wheel Horse Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Her Blind Date Bodyguard*

AUTHOR NAME: Bella Rose

PUBLISHER NAME: Bella Rose Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A is for Amy*

AUTHOR NAME: Steven Cranddell

PUBLISHER NAME: Quinn, Rose, Elliot & Ellery

### **Science**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Rise and Fall of the Human Mind*

AUTHOR NAME: Martin Jan Stránský, M.D.

PUBLISHER NAME: Independently published

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Which god is God? A Lawyer's Look at God and Religion*

AUTHOR NAME: Adrian J. Adams Esq

PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

### **Science Fiction**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Great Filter*

AUTHOR NAME: Rocco Azzarito Jr

PUBLISHER NAME: Snow Dog Press

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Eden Protocol*  
AUTHOR NAME: Melina Orea  
PUBLISHER NAME: Melina Orea

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Thornberry Manor – The Ruby*  
AUTHOR NAME: Anne K. Hawkinson  
PUBLISHER NAME: Amazon/KDP

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Echoes – The Affinity Saga Book 2*  
AUTHOR NAME: Eddie Dee Williams  
PUBLISHER NAME: Rebirth Publishings LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Yuniz in the Land of Yonder*  
AUTHOR NAME: zO-AlonzO Gross  
PUBLISHER NAME: zO-AlonzO Gross

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Through the Veil (Journey to haven Book 1)*  
AUTHOR NAME: Julia McTrill  
PUBLISHER NAME: McTrill Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Guardians of the Cosmic Clocks: Wings of the Gods*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jabril Yousef Faraj  
PUBLISHER NAME: DANK ONION

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Travel: A Project Outrigger Novel*  
AUTHOR NAME: Kevin Rowlett  
PUBLISHER NAME: Atmosphere Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Whispers of the Sower*  
AUTHOR NAME: Martin V. Parece II  
PUBLISHER NAME: Martin V. Parece II

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Starling: A Science Fiction Adventure in the Classic Tradition*  
AUTHOR NAME: Neal Stevens  
PUBLISHER NAME: Neal Stevens

### **Self Help: General**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Wait, Where Am I in This?*  
AUTHOR NAME: Lee Long, EdD, LPC-S  
PUBLISHER NAME: Trewe Talu House of Novus Press Works

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Struggle Smarter Write More. A Guide From Procrastination to Creative Flow*  
AUTHOR NAME: Constantin Weber  
PUBLISHER NAME: Constantin Weber

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Live Free or Diet*  
AUTHOR NAME: Kurt Bravata M.D.  
PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *A Life Postponed*  
AUTHOR NAME: Wendy Richards  
PUBLISHER NAME: Wendy Richards

FULL BOOK TITLE: HIDDEN POWERS: *How to Transcend Suffering*  
AUTHOR NAME: Glen Allison  
PUBLISHER NAME: Self-Published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Reach Out with Acts of Kindness: A Guide to Helping Others in Crisis*  
AUTHOR NAME: Letitia E. Hart  
PUBLISHER NAME: Koehler Books

### **Self Help: Motivational**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *L.E.A.D. OUT LOUD: Be Clear. Be Heard. Be Unstoppable*  
AUTHOR NAME: Antawn Knight  
PUBLISHER NAME: Knight Leadership Group

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Habit by Habit*  
AUTHOR NAME: Aditi Khemka Goenka  
PUBLISHER NAME: Aditi Khemka Goenka

FULL BOOK TITLE: HIDDEN POWERS: *How to Transcend Suffering*  
AUTHOR NAME: Glen Allison  
PUBLISHER NAME: Self-Published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *100's of Tips, Tricks & Loopholes The Ultimate Guide for Authors & Writers!*  
AUTHOR NAME: Chantay Bridges  
PUBLISHER NAME: BPH-Bridges Publishing House

FULL BOOK TITLE: *I'm on Assignment! - An Alternate View of Past Lives, The Impact on Our Current Lives, Soul Mates, World History, and the Akashic Records*  
AUTHOR NAME: Diane Marie Taylor  
PUBLISHER NAME: AuthorHouse

### **Self Help: Spiritual**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Redeeming the Post-Affair Divorce: Heal Your Life, Restore Your Faith After Infidelity Breaks Up Your Marriage*  
AUTHOR NAME: Linda J. MacDonald, M.S.  
PUBLISHER NAME: Healing Counsel Press (imprint)

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: HIDDEN POWERS: *How to Transcend Suffering*

AUTHOR NAME: Glen Allison

PUBLISHER NAME: Self-Published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Power of Woo: For Spiritual Entrepreneurs Ready to Trust Their Inner Knowing and Get Real Results*

AUTHOR NAME: Karen Leigh Gruber

PUBLISHER NAME: Silk Dragon Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *What to Say When You Pray: Step into Bible stories; step out with bold prayers and courageous faith!*

AUTHOR NAME: Ginger Hertenstein Conley

PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Jesus, Open the Eyes of My Heart*

AUTHOR NAME: Marsha Gauthier

PUBLISHER NAME: WestBow Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *FOR ALL AS FOR ONE: Uplifting Messages from Spirit Tied in With Scripture*

AUTHOR NAME: LeRosa Leigh

PUBLISHER NAME: iUniverse

### **Short Stories**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Woman of the Hour: Fifty Tales of Longing and Rebellion*

AUTHOR NAME: Claire Polders

PUBLISHER NAME: Vine Leaves Press

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Bad Americans: Part I*

AUTHOR NAME: Tejas Desai

PUBLISHER NAME: The New Wei LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Bad Americans: Part II*

AUTHOR NAME: Tejas Desai

PUBLISHER NAME: The New Wei LLC

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Signs of The Fall*

AUTHOR NAME: Sean M. Price

PUBLISHER NAME: Koehler Books

### **Spirituality**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Sage of the Mountains*

AUTHOR NAME: Dr. George Cluen

PUBLISHER NAME: Staten House

**FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Through the Lens of An Ancient Yisra'elite Bible Study*  
AUTHOR NAME: Benjamin Nieves Carrasquillo Jr.  
PUBLISHER NAME: Westbow Press

**Social/Political Change**

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Hijacker Strikes Back*  
AUTHOR NAME: Caroline Omoifo Ilogienboh  
PUBLISHER NAME: AuthorHouse

**Sports-Non-Fiction**

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Chasing Legends: Motorcycle Stories from the Podcast Trail*  
AUTHOR NAME: Aaron Pufal  
PUBLISHER NAME: ADV Cannonball

**FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Bring One Home: A Memoir of Boyhood, Basketball, and Hometown Spirit*  
AUTHOR NAME: Thomas L. Pelissero  
PUBLISHER NAME: Sellar Street Boys Publishing, LLC

**Sports-Fiction**

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Line 'Em Up!*  
AUTHOR NAME: Oscar Avery  
PUBLISHER NAME: Bread n Butter Bookz

**Suspense**

**WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Her Blind Date Bodyguard*  
AUTHOR NAME: Bella Rose  
PUBLISHER NAME: Bella Rose Books

**FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Hazy Shade*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jim Lively  
PUBLISHER NAME: Treaty Oak Publishers

FULL BOOK TITLE: *LIES TO FOREVER*  
AUTHOR NAME: Marlene M. Bell  
PUBLISHER NAME: Ewephoric

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Day Satoshi Returned*  
AUTHOR NAME: Taimour Al Neimat  
PUBLISHER NAME: Independent

### **Technology**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Rise and Fall of the Human Mind*  
AUTHOR NAME: Martin Jan Stránský, M.D.  
PUBLISHER NAME: Independently published

### **Teen Fiction**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Case Against Jasper*  
AUTHOR NAME: Clifton Wilcox  
PUBLISHER NAME: Windward Publishing

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *THE GRAVITY OF LIES*  
AUTHOR NAME: DOROTHY DEENE  
PUBLISHER NAME: RUNAWAY JUNE BOOKS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Legend of the Black Swan*  
AUTHOR NAME: Tory Gates  
PUBLISHER NAME: Sunbury Press Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Guardians of the Cosmic Clocks: Wings of the Gods*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jabril Yousef Faraj  
PUBLISHER NAME: DANK ONION

### **Thriller**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *LIES TO FOREVER*  
AUTHOR NAME: Marlene M. Bell  
PUBLISHER NAME: Ewephoric

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *John B. Peoples*  
AUTHOR NAME: Michael Cowan  
PUBLISHER NAME: Koehler Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Through the Veil (Journey to haven Book 1)*  
AUTHOR NAME: Julia McTrill  
PUBLISHER NAME: McTrill Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Eden Protocol*  
AUTHOR NAME: Melina Orea  
PUBLISHER NAME: Melina Orea

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Binding Coil: Book Two in the Helix Project*  
AUTHOR NAME: J.L. Calder  
PUBLISHER NAME: Dwyer Street Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Killer Is Me: A Poetic Diary*  
AUTHOR NAME: Mickey Helms  
PUBLISHER NAME: self-published

### **Travel**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *I Can Go Anywhere*  
AUTHOR NAME: Karissa Nix  
PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

### **True Crime**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *True Crime and Consequences | Does the True Crime Community Help with Murder Investigations or Hurt Them?*  
AUTHOR NAME: David Lyons  
PUBLISHER NAME: Empowered Press

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Why Rampage Killers Emerge: Conditions and Characteristics*  
AUTHOR NAME: S. Lee Funk, Ed.D.  
PUBLISHER NAME: Academica Press

## **Visionary Fiction**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Sage of the Mountains*  
AUTHOR NAME: Dr. George Cluen  
PUBLISHER NAME: Staten House

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Ancilla*  
AUTHOR NAME: Sera Maddox Drake  
PUBLISHER NAME: Self Published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Hunter's Reflection: A Journey of the Soul*  
AUTHOR NAME: Bálint Makai  
PUBLISHER NAME: Bálint Makai

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Hijacker Strikes Back*  
AUTHOR NAME: Caroline Omoifo Ilogienboh  
PUBLISHER NAME: AuthorHouse

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Eden Protocol*  
AUTHOR NAME: Melina Orea  
PUBLISHER NAME: Melina Orea

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Final Shelter*  
AUTHOR NAME: Rob Ramos  
PUBLISHER NAME: Rob Ramos

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Starling: A Science Fiction Adventure in the Classic Tradition*  
AUTHOR NAME: Neal Stevens  
PUBLISHER NAME: Neal Stevens

## **War**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Born in the Aftermath*  
AUTHOR NAME: Ian Griffin  
PUBLISHER NAME: Ian Griffin

## **Women's Issues**

### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Amor Fati: An Incredible True Story of Survival, Hope & Healing*  
AUTHOR NAME: Zoë Collins  
PUBLISHER NAME: The Crystal Cove

### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *When a Catholic Gets a Lutheran Pregnant*

AUTHOR NAME: Jennifer Radtke

PUBLISHER NAME: AuthorHouse

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Wake-Up Calls: A Journey of Learning to Lead and Succeed in the Funeral and Death Care Profession*

AUTHOR NAME: Lisa Baue

PUBLISHER NAME: River Grove Books

### **Women's Fiction**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *After The Lake*

AUTHOR NAME: Mara Mansour

PUBLISHER NAME: Mara Mansour

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Aspen- BOOK 3- THE BAD ASS BIKER BITCHES SERIES*

AUTHOR NAME: Darlene Mellors

PUBLISHER NAME Darlene Mellors

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Passion's Duty*

AUTHOR NAME: Lizzie Jenks

PUBLISHER NAME: Wheel Horse Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Lenswoman in Love: A Novel of the 1960s & 70s*

AUTHOR NAME: Kim Gottlieb-Walker

PUBLISHER NAME: The Conrad Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Becoming Hazel: Inherited Treasures Book 1*

AUTHOR NAME: Dorrie-Lenore Parsons

PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Tell Me Why You Are Here*

AUTHOR NAME: Jessica Lee Mizia

PUBLISHER NAME: AuthorHouse

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Peg, Unbinged*

AUTHOR NAME: Teri M Brown

PUBLISHER NAME: Atmosphere Press

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Daughter Bond*

AUTHOR NAME: C. P. Florez

PUBLISHER NAME: C.P. Florez

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Missing From Me*

AUTHOR NAME: Kathleen Stone

PUBLISHER NAME: Kathleen Stone

## Writing and Publishing

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Time Capsules*  
AUTHOR NAME: Tom Sabino  
PUBLISHER NAME: Archway Publishing

## Young Adult Fiction

### WINNER

FULL BOOK TITLE: *THE GRAVITY OF LIES*  
AUTHOR NAME: DOROTHY DEENE  
PUBLISHER NAME: RUNAWAY JUNE BOOKS

### FINALISTS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Legend of the Last Star Knight: The Crown of Kings*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jonathan Sears  
PUBLISHER NAME: Self-Published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Looked Down Upon: The Exiled Kin*  
AUTHOR NAME: Jordan Lopez  
PUBLISHER NAME: Jordan Lopez

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Druid's Tattoo*  
AUTHOR NAME: James Gregory Kingston  
PUBLISHER NAME: Self-Published

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Dead and Buried; The Last Kitsune Book 2*  
AUTHOR NAME: JS Scheffel  
PUBLISHER NAME: JS Scheffel

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Pack Animals*  
AUTHOR NAME: Idun Klinga  
PUBLISHER NAME: Self-Published (imprint Idun Books)

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Book of Depth*  
AUTHOR NAME: Egor Klopenko  
PUBLISHER NAME: Amazon KDP

FULL BOOK TITLE: *ESCAPING SAILOR BYRD*  
AUTHOR NAME: DOROTHY DEENE  
PUBLISHER NAME: RUNAWAY JUNE BOOKS

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Legend of the Black Swan*  
AUTHOR NAME: Tory Gates  
PUBLISHER NAME: Sunbury Press Books

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Guardians of the Cosmic Clocks: Wings of the Gods*

AUTHOR NAME: Jabril Yousef Faraj

PUBLISHER NAME: DANK ONION

### **Young Adult Non-Fiction**

#### **WINNER**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *Pint-sized Pioneers at Play: Homemade Frontier Fun and Danger*

AUTHOR NAME: Preston Lewis and Harriet Kocher Lewis

PUBLISHER NAME: Bariso Press

#### **FINALISTS**

FULL BOOK TITLE: *The Trail To Twilight For The Gods: And Epic Martial Mystery*

AUTHOR NAME: Ben Klotz

PUBLISHER NAME: AuthorHouse